



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the **Pediatric Mental Health Staff project** in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Children's Health System of Texas, located at 1935 Medical District Drive, Dallas, Texas 75235.

The funding would be used to expand mental health services for patients in the emergency room, decrease time from arrival to the ED to evaluation and treatment, and to improve facilitation of transfer to a pediatric inpatient psychiatric facility. With an estimated 600,000 of the two million children across North Texas having mental health needs, including 175,000 children in Dallas County alone, CHST is working to address the prevalence of mental health needs and limited access to care in high-risk and underserved communities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Z. Allred", with a stylized, flowing script.

Colin Z. Allred
Member of Congress